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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, YE

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF YAR CHIEF OF STATE

1. FLASH MESSAGE (NOTAL) NOTIFIED SECSTATE

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THAT YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC PRESIDENT AHMED HUSSAYN
AL-GHASHMI WAS ASSISSINATED THIS MORNING, 24 JUNE, IN
HIS OFFICE IN MILITARY HEADQUARTERS.

2. INCIDENT OCCURRED ABOUT 5 OR 10 PAST 9:00 WHEN
GHASHMI, APPARENTLY, RECEIVED MAN WHO PURPORTED TO BE
HEAD OF SOUTH YEMENI DELEGATION WHICH WAS EXPECTED TO

RETURN HOSTAGES TAKEN BY ABDAL ALIM INTO PDRY.

3. EXPLOSION OCCURRED DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF PRESIDENT AND BLINDED HIM AS WELL AS INFLECTING INTERNAL INJURIES AND NUMEROUS BROKEN BONES. BOMBER APPARENTLY DIED AT SAME TIME. GHASHMI WAS TAKEN TO MILITARY HOSPITAL WHERE ITALIAN MEDICAL TEAM, ALONG WITH SOVIETS, ATTEMPTED TO MAINTAIN HIS LIFE. HE MAINTAINED CONSCIOUSNESS TO THE END AT ABOUT 10:10. DOCTOR WHO ATTENDED PRESIDENT, AND WHO GAVE CHARGE EYE-WITNESS ACCOUNT OF DEATH, WAS NOT RELEASED UNTIL 12:45 FROM HOSPITAL. WHILE NO ANNOUNCEMENT MADE YET, WORD WILL NOW SPREAD FAST.

4. SANA IS QUIET. OUR SEARCHES EARLIER THIS MORNING WHEN WE INITIALLY HEARD OF BOMBING DID NOT DISCLOSE ANY MILITARY MOVEMENTS OR UNUSUAL SECURITY PRECAUTIONS. AS OF 2:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME, SAME IS TRUE. HEAD-QUARTERS IS, HOWEVER, SEALED OFF FROM REST OF SANA BY TANKS AND TROOP REINFORCEMENTS.

5. WE ARE SETTING UP WARDEN SYSTEM AS PRECAUTION AND ARE NOTIFYING AMERICANS IN SANA TO STAY HOME. SEE NO DANGER TO AMERICANS AT PRESENT. RANSOM

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